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Stolen car suspect arrested following convenience store stop



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La Porte police arrested a suspect connected to a stolen car after he made a convenience store stop.

On March 13 shortly after midnight, a La Porte patrol officer entered a convenience store in the 8900 block of West Fairmont as a patron was exiting quickly in an odd manner.

The officer and store clerk began commenting on the patron's exit when they noticed the patron drop something in a trash can outside and then quickly walk toward a Mitsubishi SUV in the parking lot.

According to police, the officer went to see what the patron had dropped in the trash and saw a debit card lying on top of the trash.

The officer then approached the patron and noticed that his right hand had blood on it and the rear window of the SUV was smashed. In addition, the officer observed scattered glass along the front floor of the vehicle and a brick lying among broken glass.

The officer detained the suspect and following an investigation determined that the SUV had been stolen out of Houston earlier that day. The suspect was also found to be in possession of a gas card with the same name listed on the debit card the suspect had dropped in the trash can.

The suspect, identified as David Dupre, 38, of Dickinson, was arrested for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.